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FROM OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV

SUBJECT: GULF AND WESTERN INSURANCE APPLICATION 493-72-291

1. HAVE NOTED JULY 18, 1977 SIGNING BY THAI GOVERNMENT AND THAI ZINC LTD OF AGREEMENT TO PROCEED THIS PROJECT. DURING OPIC'S KRAMISH AND DUFFY DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND PROJECT MANAGER IN MARCH, 1977, QUESTION AROSE AS TO SECURITY PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN OPERATING THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSPORT OF THE ORE FROM MINE NEAR MAE SOT TO REFINERY AT TAK. THAI ZINC HAS REQUESTED OPIC INSURANCE ON PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES MINE AS WELL AS SMELTER.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY RISK, I.E., LIKELIHOOD THAT SMELTER OPERATIONS COULD BE AFFECTED
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BY INSURGENT ACTIVITY AND COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF PROJECT SO THAT PROCESSING OF SUBJECT APPLICATION MAY PROCEED.

3. APPARENTLY FRANK M. TYE, JR. HAS REPLACED WOODROW SPONAUGLE AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THAI ZINC. COULD YOU FURNISH BRIEF BACKGROUND DATA ON FORMER? SINCE SPONAUGLE

NURSED PROJECT FIVE YEARS, CURIOUS HERE WHY REPLACED. CHRISTOPHER

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